

## Federal Railroad Administration, DOT

## § 213.55

subject to any conditions the Administrator deems necessary. Where a waiver is granted, the Administrator publishes a notice containing the reasons for granting the waiver.

### § 213.19 Information collection.

(a) The information collection requirements of this part were reviewed by the Office of Management and Budget pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*) and are assigned OMB control number 2130-0010.

(b) The information collection requirements are found in the following sections: §§213.4, 213.5, 213.7, 213.17, 213.57, 213.119, 213.122, 213.233, 213.237, 213.241, 213.303, 213.305, 213.317, 213.329, 213.333, 213.339, 213.341, 213.343, 213.345, 213.353, 213.361, 213.369.

## Subpart B—Roadbed

### § 213.31 Scope.

This subpart prescribes minimum requirements for roadbed and areas immediately adjacent to roadbed.

### § 213.33 Drainage.

Each drainage or other water carrying facility under or immediately adjacent to the roadbed shall be maintained and kept free of obstruction, to accommodate expected water flow for the area concerned.

### § 213.37 Vegetation.

Vegetation on railroad property which is on or immediately adjacent to roadbed shall be controlled so that it does not—

(a) Become a fire hazard to track-carrying structures;

(b) Obstruct visibility of railroad signs and signals:

(1) Along the right-of-way, and

(2) At highway-rail crossings; (This paragraph (b)(2) is applicable September 21, 1999.)

(c) Interfere with railroad employees performing normal trackside duties;

(d) Prevent proper functioning of signal and communication lines; or

(e) Prevent railroad employees from visually inspecting moving equipment from their normal duty stations.

## Subpart C—Track Geometry

### § 213.51 Scope.

This subpart prescribes requirements for the gage, alignment, and surface of track, and the elevation of outer rails and speed limitations for curved track.

### § 213.53 Gage.

(a) Gage is measured between the heads of the rails at right-angles to the rails in a plane five-eighths of an inch below the top of the rail head.

(b) Gage shall be within the limits prescribed in the following table—

Class of track	The gage must be at least—	But not more than—
Excepted track .....	N/A .....	4'10 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> ".
Class 1 track .....	4'8" .....	4'10".
Class 2 and 3 track .....	4'8" .....	4'9 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> ".
Class 4 and 5 track .....	4'8" .....	4'9 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> ".

### § 213.55 Track alignment.

(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this section, alignment may not

deviate from uniformity more than the amount prescribed in the following table:

Class of track	Tangent track	Curved track	
	The deviation of the mid-offset from a 62-foot line <sup>1</sup> may not be more than— (inches)	The deviation of the mid-ordinate from a 31-foot chord <sup>2</sup> may not be more than— (inches)	The deviation of the mid-ordinate from a 62-foot chord <sup>2</sup> may not be more than— (inches)
Class 1 track .....	5	<sup>3</sup> N/A	5
Class 2 track .....	3	<sup>3</sup> N/A	3
Class 3 track .....	1 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	1 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>
Class 4 track .....	1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	1	1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>